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FACILITIES IN ESI HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 13 ESI Dispensaries are functioning with limited working hours, covering three Southern districts, viz. Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli and Tuticorin of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether these Dispensaries are attending to out patient treatment only and referring the serious cases to the Government Hospital which is providing very limited number of beds;

(c) if so, whether these Dispensaries are insufficient to attend the medical needs of nearly 1 lakh ESI workers in the area;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up a full-fledged ESI Hospital in Kanyakumari where the infrastructure required for it can easily be made available; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a): There are 20 ESI Dispensaries functioning in the Southern Districts viz. Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli and Tuticorin of Tamil Nadu with the working hours 7 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. The Government of Tamil Nadu have fixed these working hours for convenience of the beneficiaries.

(b): These Dispensaries are meant for providing out-patient treatment and first aid treatment. The serious cases are referred to Government Hospitals where sufficient beds have been provided for beneficiaries of ESI scheme.

(c): These Dispensaries are sufficient to cater to the out-patient treatment of 65,806 Insured Persons covered under ESI Scheme in the above referred districts of Tamil Nadu.

(d) & (e): ESI Hospital is set-up on the basis of norms & standards prescribed by ESI Corporation on the request of concerned State Government. So far, no request has been received from Government of Tamil Nadu for setting-up of Hospital in Kanyakumari.